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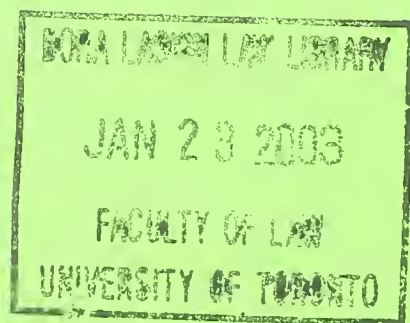
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## **1. Introduction. The Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Human Rights Committee and the International Human Rights System.**

- a) Martin Scheinin, "General Introduction" (forthcoming 2003 in a collection of leading cases by the Human Rights Committee) [This one I will have to send you later this week as I don't have the latest version on my own computer]
- b) Organizational Chart of the United Nations Human Rights System  
<http://www.unhchr.ch/hrostr.htm>
- c) International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights  
[http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/a\\_ccpr.htm](http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/a_ccpr.htm)
- d) Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights  
[http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/a\\_opt.htm](http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/a_opt.htm)
- e) Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights  
[http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/a\\_opt2.htm](http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/a_opt2.htm)
- f) List of Ratifications  
<http://www.unhchr.ch/pdf/report.pdf>
- g) Rules of Procedure of the Human Rights Committee  
[http://www.unhchr.ch/tbs/doc.nsf/\(Symbol\)/CCPR.C.3.Rev.6.En?Opendocument](http://www.unhchr.ch/tbs/doc.nsf/(Symbol)/CCPR.C.3.Rev.6.En?Opendocument)

## **2. Death Penalty. Non-refoulement. Interim Measures of Protection.**

- a) Charles Chitat Ng v. Canada (Communication No 469/1991)
- b) Dante Piandiong et al. v. the Philippines (Communication No 869/1999)
- c) A.R.J. v. Australia (Communication No 692/1996)
- c) C. v. Australia (Communication No 900/1999) [this case has not been released yet, so I will try to obtain it later this week or then we will have to distribute it separately on the first day of the course]
- d) Martin Scheinin, Capital Punishment and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights: Some Issues of Interpretation in the Practice of the Human Rights Committee (paper presented in May 2001 at a EU-China human rights expert dialogue seminar, Beijing)

## **3. Non-discrimination. Enjoyment of Human Rights by Women.**

- a) General Comment No 18
- b) General Comment No 28
- c) Sandra Lovelace v. Canada (Communication No 24/1977)
- e) Zwaan – de Vries v. the Netherlands (Communication No 182/1984)
- f) Waldman v. Canada (Communication No 694/1996)
- g) Kavanagh v. Ireland (Communication No 819/1998)

## **4. Indigenous and Minority Rights. Self-determination.**

- a) Martin Scheinin, "Minority Rights: Additional Rights or Added Protection?" (forthcoming, 2003)
- b) Ominayak (Lubicon Lake Band) v. Canada (Communication No 167/1984)



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- c) Ilmari Länsman et al. v. Finland (Communication No 511/1992)
- d) Concluding Observations on Canada
- e) Mahuika et al. v New Zealand (Communication No 547/1993)
- f) Diergaardt et al. v. Namibia (Communication No 760/1997)
- g) General Comment No 23

#### **5. States of Emergency. Counter-terrorism Measures.**

- a) Concluding Observations on Israel
- b) General Comment No 29
- c) Concluding Observations on Sweden
- d) Concluding Observations on New Zealand

#### **6. Status of the Covenant and the Authority of the Findings by the Human Rights Committee. The Right to an Effective Remedy. Follow-up Procedures.**

- a) Martin Scheinin, "The Human Rights Committee's Pronouncements on the Right to an Effective Remedy – an Illustration of the Legal Nature of the Committee's Work under the Optional Protocol" (forthcoming, 2003)
- b) International Law Association, Interim Report by the Committee on Human Rights Law and Practice on the Impact of the Work of the United Nations Human Rights Treaty Bodies on National Courts and Tribunals  
[http://www.ila-hq.org/html/layout\\_committee.htm](http://www.ila-hq.org/html/layout_committee.htm)
- c) Ahani v. H.M. the Queen, the Attorney General of Canada and the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Court of Appeal for Ontario, 8 February 2002

#### **7. The Contribution of the Human Rights Committee to the Development of International Law.**

- a) Kennedy v. Trinidad and Tobago (Communication 845/1999; admissibility decision)
- b) Concluding Observations on Hong Kong/China
- c) General Comment No 24
- d) General Comment No 26

